Statement

Expenditure by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research on oilseeds research

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Total	Oilseeds
1984-85	142·80	1·714
1985-86	151·38	1·736
1986-87	168·84	2·126
TOTAL :	463·02	5·576

NOTE: In addition a number of Institute like Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi; Central Research Institute on Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad; Central Institute for Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal; and State Agricultural Universities, are incurring expenditure on research on different crops which includes oilseeds also. As such, it is difficult to apportion the total expenditure on oilseeds.

New Project for sponge iron

1477. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are huge deposits of iron ore in the districts of Chandrapur and Gadchiroli in Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to grant licence for setting up of new project of sponge iron;

(c) how many applications in this regard have been received so far; and

(d) the decision taken by Government with particulars of the applications accepted for setting up of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) The total estimated reserves of iron ore are 24 million tonnes in Chandrapur District and 116 million tonnes in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra.

(b) Sponge Iron Industry has been delicensed from March '86. Only such companies as come within the purview of MRTP Act are required to obtain an Industrial Licence. No application from any unit in Maharashtra for grant of Industrial Licence is pending.

(c) and (d) One such application for grant of an industrial licence has been received and a Letter of Intent has already been issued in this case.

National Commission on urbanisation

1478. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission on Urbanisation has submitted any report; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. An interim report has been received in January, 1987.

(b) The report, besides giving an overview of urbanisation, deals with some of the legal constraints on urban development, such as the ceiling on urban land holdings and rent control acts and proposes accelerated development and growth of nerve centres, besides reiterating possibilities of strengthening and revitalising the national cities.

Allocations of edible oils etc. to the States

1479. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of palmolein oil allocation requested by Government of Maharashtra in the festival season of August-October, 1987;